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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003 (Paper No. 7), please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate) and Exhibits A-D.

Prior to examining the captioned application, Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.